

Prairie Rose School Division No. 8

Regular Board Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

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Present: M. Peers, G. Westgard, S. Angle, A. Frank, G. Dennis, P. Heller, K. Cooper, D. Nicholls . Superintendent, B. Andjelic . Deputy Superintendent, B. Volkman . Assistant Superintendent, P. Cocks . Secretary Treasurer.

Absent: A. Baron

Other: R. Sanchez . Prairie Post

Joined: A. Stober, D. Blemings

1. Call to Order

M. Peers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the Agenda

7.1 Technology Conference Report

7.2 Skills Canada Report

Moved by A. Frank that the agenda for the April 7, 2009, Regular Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED (2009-35)

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 March 10, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

The draft minutes were amended to include the cost of \$250,300 under item 4.2 . Full Time Kindergarten Program.

Moved by G. Westgard that the minutes of the March 10, 2009, Regular Board Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED (2009-36)

3. Monitoring

3.1 Trustee Reports

G. Dennis reported that activities at Seven Persons School include Education Week (April 21 - 27), Jump Rope for Heart (March 18), students tour of Ontario and Quebec and the NED Show on character and citizenship education. Ralston School is also hosting the NED Show.

A. Frank provided information on the M. Wooding . Trade Show Fundraiser. The playground committee has raised all funds needed for barrier-free playground, pending approval of matching government funding.

S. Angle reported on attending the Technology Conference and the Grade 11 theatre performance at Senator Gershaw School. In Burdett, the Ag Society has purchased bike helmets and the students will be going to Safety City.

M. Peers reported on the %Respect in Sports+presentation by Sheldon Kennedy at Oyen Public School for all area junior high students during the day and then the public in the evening. There is also an on-line course for parents.

Principal Allan Stober joined the meeting via videoconference at 10:15 a.m.

3.2 South Central High School Review

B. Volkman presented the report on the recent school review at South Central High School. Highlights of the report include strong extra curricular programming, efficient school communications, helpful support staff and strong administration, welcome school climate, and high student achievement and recognition.

A. Stober commented that the school review was a very positive process and that the feedback will be used in developing the next school plan. D. Nicholls conveyed commendations to the staff and students for the excellent review and acknowledged Mr. Stober's efforts as principal in developing a strong staff and his commitment to the extracurricular program. Several trustees also indicated their high satisfaction with the results of the review.

Moved by S. Angle that the South Central High School Review be accepted as presented.

CARRIED (2009-37)

A. Stober left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

4. Action Items

4.1 Policy BSR#3 . Monitoring Superintendent Performance

Policy BSR#3 . Monitoring Superintendent Performance was presented with an amendment to the evaluation date to June each year.

Moved by P. Heller that Policy BSR#2 . Monitoring Superintendent Performance be approved as presented.

CARRIED (2009-38)

5. Superintendents' Reports

5.1 Alberta Education . Results Report Review

D. Nicholls presented the summary report from Alberta Education on the Results Report review process. It was noted that the report was in full compliance with Alberta Education's requirements. The reviewer, Bryna Clark, also observed that the Division achieves high results through collaborative efforts.

5.2 Superintendents' Reports

D. Nicholls briefly reviewed the public meeting held in Manyberries on April 6, 2009, and thanked trustees for attending.

B. Andjelic reported on his attendance at a meeting with Alberta Education on March 31. The issues discussed included high school completion rates, school infrastructure reviews, changes anticipated to the Accountability Pillar, the *Provincial Approaches to Student Information* (PASI), data collection on Early Learning initiatives and the direction for special education services. Trustees are also invited to attend these meetings, with the next one likely to be held in October 2009. It is anticipated these joint meetings may replace routine Alberta Education reports at CASS and ASBA zone meetings.

D. Blemings joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

7. Emergent Items

7.1 Technology Conference

D. Blemings presented a summary of the Technology Conference held March 26 . 27 in Bow Island. The numbers of participants in the conference has more than doubled since the first event in 2007. The concept is still based on %teachers teaching teachers+with the addition of a couple of %eatured teachers+this year. The location, the technology available, and the dedication of the Bow Island Elementary, Senator Gershaw and Division Technology staff were identified as the reasons for the continued success of the conference. There was some discussion on the research available on the success rates in learning when teachers use technology (ie: Smartboards).

D. Blemings left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

6. Other Reports

6.1 ASBA Report

A. Frank reported that the ASBA Edwin Parr Awards evening will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, in Taber. Trustees were asked to register for tickets.

6.2 PSBAA Report

K. Cooper reminded trustees of the PSBAA sponsored %egislation Watch+website. The next PSBAA Council meeting will be held in Slave Lake from April 23 to 25, 2009. K. Cooper will be letting her name stand for the executive search committee to replace PSBAA Executive Director, D. King.

6.3 Financial Reporting Profile

P. Cocks presented a financial comparison profile prepared by Alberta Education that compares the Division's financial results in certain key areas with other jurisdictions with similar enrollment.

7. Emergent Items, continued

7.2 Skills Canada Report

B. Volkman summarized the activity to date in preparing for the World Skills Competition to be held in Calgary in September 2009. Principals have been asked to recommend which students should be entitled to participate in the one-day trip to the event. The Regional Skills Competition will be used to evaluate which students may be attending.

8. Correspondence

P. Cocks presented the following items as information:

- 8.1 Letter - Minister of Education . Value Analysis
Senator Gershaw / Bow Island Elementary
- 8.2 Letter . Minister of Education . Alberta Arts Day
September 18 to 20, 2009
- 8.3 SE Alberta Child & Family Services . Thanks
- 8.4 Letters re: Municipality of Opportunity
- 8.5 ASBIE Annual Report

10. Adjournment

Moved by K. Cooper at 12:02 p.m. that the April 7, 2009, Regular Board meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED (2009-39)

Marian Peers, Board Chair

Pat Cocks, Secretary-Treasurer